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SUMMARY. AT PERMREP LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 12, US CHARGE DESCRIBED TOPICS PROPOSED BY US FOR DISCUSSION AT NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING RESTRICTED SESSION AND A GENERAL DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NAC AND DPC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.END SUMMARY.

1. NAC AND DPC RESTRICTED SESSIONS TOPICS.DRAWING UPON REFTEL B AND PARA 3 OF REFTEL A, CHARGE OUTLINED TOPICS PROPOSED BY US FOR DISCUSSION AT RESTRICTED SESSION OF NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING. SYG LUNS SUPPORTED US APPROACH, WHICH HE SAID COINCIDED WITH HIS OWN, AND ALSO SAID HE HOPED TO CIRCULATE, SHORTLY AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH DELEGATIONS, PROPOSALS FOR TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AT RESTRICTED MINISTERIAL DPC SESSION. NONE QUESTIONED CHARGE'S COMMENT THAT, BASED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TOPICS PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION, US BELIEVED THAT NAC RESTRICTED SESSION WOULD LIKELY EXTEND INTO AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 11.

2. SOCIAL EVENTS SURROUNDING MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. IT WAS AGREED THAT UK DEFMIN MASON WILL GIVE A DINNER FOR EUROGROUP MINISTERS ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 8. WITH REGARD TO SOCIAL EVENTS SURROUNDING DPC AND NAC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS,THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHEDULE WAS AGREED UPON:

DECEMBER 9: LUNCHEON WILL BE OFFERED AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, WITH NO HOST, AND A DINNER WILL BE GIVEN BY BELGIAN DEFMIN VANDEN BOEYNANTS FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF

DELEGATIONS.

DECEMBER 10: NO EVENTS SCHEDULED.

DECEMBER 11. LUNCHEON AT NATO HEADQUARTERS TO BE GIVEN BY SYG LUNS FOR MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS, AND DINNER, PROBABLY AT SHERATON HOTEL, TO BE GIVEN BY NORWEGIAN FONMIN FOR MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS.

DECEMBER 12: LUNCHEON AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON NO-HOST BASIS.

3. QUADRAPARTITE MEETING. IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL EVENTS, KILICK (UK) NOTED THAT A PROBLEM EXISTED WITH RESPECT TO THE TIMING OF A QUADRIPARTITE DINNER, WHICH COULD NOT BE HELD ON THE EVE OF THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING AS USUAL, BUT WOULD BE REPLACED BY A QUADRIPARTITE MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 12. DESTAERCKE NOTED THAT THE GERMANY AND BERLIN PORTIONS OF THE NAC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE WOULD NEED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE QUADRIPARTITE POWERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE OVERALL TEXT WELL PRIOR TO THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 12. KILICK INDICATED THAT HE HAD RAISED THIS PROBLEM WITH HIS AUTHORITIES, BUT HAD NO GUIDANCE. TINE (NEW FRENCH PERMREP) NOTED THAT DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE AT A DINNER DECEMBER 10 HAD PROMPTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A QUADRIPARTITE MEETING ON DECEMBER 12. DESTAERCKE UNDERLINED AGAIN THAT THE THREE POWERS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BERLIN AND GERMANY, AS WELL AS THE FRG, NONETHELESS WOULD NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE QUADRIPARTITE PARAGRAPHS OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO BE AVAILABLE WELL BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF THE NAC COMMUNIQUE. IN THIS CONNECTION, DE STAERCKE ALSO SAID THAT SOME OF THE SMALLER ALLIED COUNTRIES WOULD TAKE AMISS ANY EFFORTS TO PRECLUDE THEIR REVIEW OF THE QUADRIPARTITE TEXT BEFORE ADOPTION. US CHARGE SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE QUADRIPARTITE POWERS TO MEET THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER 11, AND WOULD BE SEEKING WAYS WITH THE OTHER THREE TO MEET THE TIMING PROBLEMS.

4. AFTER TINE SAID THAT THE FOUR DID NOT MEET ONLY TO DISCUSS COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE, DESTAERCKE REMINDED HIM THAT SMALLER NATO POWERS WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED LEST THE QUADRIPARTITE POWERS
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BECOME KNOWN AS THE "BOARD OF DIRECTORS" OF THE ALLIANCE. LUNS ADDED THAT TRADITIONALLY THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETINGS HAD BEEN DEVOTED TO MATTERS RELATED TO GERMANY. IT WAS AGREED TO RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AT A LATER DATE AFTER KILICK SAID HE WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM HIS AUTHORITIES. (COMMENT: GIVEN THE SENSITIVITIES AMONG THE ALLIES THAT HAVE BEEN AROUSED BY KILICK'S INTRODUCTION OF THIS SUBJECT, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN DEALING WITH THE OTHER ALLIES IF THE FOUR POWERS WERE IN A POSITION TO CLARIFY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEIR PLANS FOR MAKING AVAILABLE AND FOLDING INTO THE NAC COMMUNIQUE TEXT THE QUADRIPARTITE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DOCUMENT. END COMMENT.)

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5. FORUM FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF STANDARDIZATION. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) NOTED THE NEED TO ORGANIZE THE AGENDA OF NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING TO INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF STANDARDIZATION IN THE UNRESTRICTED SESSION. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WONDERED WHETHER THE NAC MIGHT BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY WITH THE DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC WHICH WAS ALSO OF INTEREST TO DEFENSE MINISTERS. US CHARGE INDICATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PREFER THAT, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE DPC MEETING ON DECEMBER, THE GREEKS AND FRENCH JOIN FOR A NAC SESSION THAT DAY. THIS NAC SESSION WOULD INVOLVE DEFENSE MINISTERS. MENZIES (CANADA) NOTED THAT CANADIAN DEFMIN WOULD PLAN TO REMAIN IN BRUSSELS UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 11 TO PARTICIPATE IN STANDARDIZATION DISCUSSION. MOREOVER, HE ANTICIPATED THAT EUROGROUP MINISTERS, WHO ARE ALL DEFENSE MINISTERS, WOULD BE EQUALLY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING. THEODORPOULOS (GREECE) POINTED OUT THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD NOT ARRIVE UNTIL THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 10 AND, THEREFORE, ON PRESENT PLANS COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A NAC SESSION THAT DAY. DESTAERCKE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT EFFORTS TO CONVERT THE DPC INTO A NAC MEETING. HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CONVEY TO ALLIED PUBLICS THE FORMAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO SESSION AND THIS WOULD PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR CERTAIN ALLIES. ACCORDINGLY, HE RECOMMENDED STRONGLY AGAINST PURSUING THE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY THE US CHARGE. TINE SAID THAT HIS MINISTERS LIKELY WOULD NOT ACQUIESCE IN SUCH AN APPROACH. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE UNDERLINED THAT THE NAC SHOULD BE OPENED FORMALLY AS THE NAC, AND THAT DISCUSSIONS OF NAC AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE PURSUED ONLY AFTER SUCH A FORMAL OPENING. LUNS JOINED DESTAERCKE IN FAVORING CLEAR CONFIDENTIAL

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DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE NAC AND DPC SESSIONS AND IN OPPOSING US APPROACH. (COMMENT: BASED ON OPPOSITION FROM LUNS AND DESTAERCKE, TOGETHER WITH TINE'S HESITATION, WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED ON APPROACH PREFERRED BY WASHINGTON. MOREOVER, OUR BRIEF IMPRESSION OF TINE SUGGESTS

THAT HE WILL BE UNWILLING TO TRY TO PERSUADE SAUVAGNARGUES
THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR A FRENCH MINISTER IN
A DISCUSSION OF STANDARDIZATION. WHILE WE WILL PURSUE WITH TIME,
DESTAERCKE AND LUNS THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT AN ARRANGEMENT
CONFORMING TO US PREFERENCE, WE BELIEVE THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD BE
PREPARED TO RECEDE ALONG LINES OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL
THAT STANDARDIZATION FIGURE AS INITIAL ITEM ON NAC AGENDA IN
PLENARY SESSION DECEMBER 11 PRIOR TO RESTRICTED SESSION. END
COMMENT.)

6. ATTENDANCE AT NAC RESTRICTED SESSION. NONE DISAGREED WITH US
CHARGE'S PROPOSAL THAT ATTENDANCE AT NAC RESTRICTED SESSION BE
LIMITED TO MINISTER, PLUS PERMREP, PLUS THREE OTHERS. HOWEVER,
AFTER ERALP (TURKEY) ASSERTED THAT BOTH HIS DEFENSE AND FOREIGN
MINISTERS MAY WISH TO ATTEND NAC RESTRICTED SESSION, DESTAERCKE
INDICATED THAT MINISTERS WERE NOT SUBJECT TO SAME RULES AS OTHERS.

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